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TO : [REDACTED] A  
FROM : [REDACTED] A  
SUBJECT: "Electro-Sleep" machine.

DATE: 12 December 1950

The attention of the writer has been directed by [REDACTED] to the so called "electro-sleep" machine currently being used at Richmond, Virginia, at the University Hospital there. C

This machine is approximately about twice the size of the small table model dictaphone and estimated cost is from \$200 to \$300. It is attached to a patients head in about the same manner as an electro-encephalograph. It is felt that under some circumstances this machine could be identified as part of a Polygraph.

The electro-sleep machine reportedly induces sleep without shock or convulsions. Although it would not be feasible to use it on any of our own people because there is at least a theoretical danger of temporary brain damage, it would possibly be of value in certain areas in connection with POW interrogation or on individuals of interest to this Agency.

It is believed that this electrically induced sleep may well be a medium for obtaining S. I. without the use of drugs which of course would be extremely valuable for our purposes.

Since there are no electro-sleep machines in or near Washington, D. C., it is requested that authority be given for [REDACTED] to visit the University Hospital at Richmond, Virginia, for a period of one day, to examine the electro-sleep machine and its operation in order to determine whether this machine could be used advantageously in our operations. C

In this connection, [REDACTED] informed the writer that he has access to the facilities of the University Hospital as he is known to them as a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry. C

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## REMARKS:

Our interest at this  
time is remote. We  
can use [REDACTED] in many  
other ways making  
up what he knows.  
Visit disapproved.

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